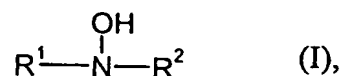


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An anti-skinning agent comprising
  - a) an organic compound of formula (I)

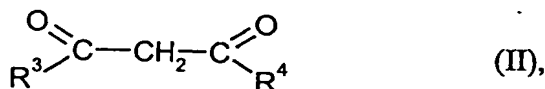


5 where

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> mutually independently represent hydrogen, a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> aliphatic radical, which can optionally be mono- or polysubstituted, or a C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> aryl radical, a C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>14</sub> araliphatic radical or a C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloaliphatic radical,

10 and either or both of

- b) an organic compound of formula (II)



where

15 R<sup>3</sup> represents hydrogen, a hydroxyl radical, a saturated or unsaturated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>19</sub> aliphatic radical, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkoxy radical, or an amine radical - NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>,

R<sup>4</sup> represents hydrogen, hydroxyl radical, a saturated or unsaturated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>19</sub> aliphatic radical, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkoxy radical, or an amine radical - NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup>,

20 R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> mutually independently represent hydrogen or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> aliphatic radical,

R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> mutually independently hydrogen or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> aliphatic radical, and

- c) an organic compound of formula (III)



where

$\text{R}^5$  represents hydrogen, a hydroxyl radical or a  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_7$  alkoxy radical and

- 5  $\text{R}^6$  represents hydrogen or an amine radical  $-\text{NR}^{11}\text{R}^{12}$ ,  
 $\text{R}^{11}$  and  $\text{R}^{12}$  mutually independently represent hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  aliphatic radical, or  $\text{C}_5\text{-C}_7$  cycloaliphatic radical, or amine radical  $-\text{NR}^1\text{R}^2$  with the proviso that  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  are not simultaneously hydrogen.

- 10 2. The anti-skinning agent of claim 1 further comprising water and/or an organic solvent.

3. The anti-skinning agent of claim 1 wherein

- 15  $\text{R}^3$  represents a substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{19}$  aliphatic radical, a substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_7$  alkoxy radical, or a substituted amine radical  $-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8$ , and  
 $\text{R}^4$  represents, a substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{19}$  aliphatic radical, a substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_7$  alkoxy radical, or a substituted amine radical  $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ ,  
 $\text{R}^{11}$  and  $\text{R}^{12}$  mutually independently represent a substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  aliphatic radical, or a substituted  $\text{C}_5\text{-C}_7$  cycloaliphatic radical, or a  
 20 substituted amine radical  $-\text{NR}^1\text{R}^2$

4. The anti-skinning agent of claim 1 wherein the compounds of formula (I) to (III) are in the form of aqueous dispersions or emulsions.

- 25 5. A composition of matter comprising the anti-skinning agent of claim 1.

6. The composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the amount of anti-skinning agent is between 0.001 and 2.0 wt.% based on the composition.

5 7. The composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the amount of anti-skinning agent is between 0.01 to 0.5 wt.%, based on the composition.

10 8. The composition of matter of claim 5 further comprising a pigment.

15 9. The composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the composition is a colorless or pigmented paint, a coating, a printing ink based on oxidatively drying binders, an oxidatively drying paint system, or a spraying agent in a printing ink.